

HOUSE RESOLUTION 86

By Todd

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the members of the Mid-South Football Officials Association in Memphis.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those sports organizations and sports officials who, with great dedication, officiate the games that the sports fans of this great State love and enjoy watching; and

WHEREAS, the Mid-South Football Officials Association in Memphis is one such estimable organization that has 175 members and assigns the officials for all high school football games in Metro Memphis, Shelby County, and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, Supervisors Paul Holt, Don Palmer, and Bob Parchman, Assigning Secretary Don Williams, and game officials Jim Brown, Mark Harbert, Chris Jamison, Lark Jones, Robert Shearin, and Ron Webb are all laudable members of the Mid-South Football Officials Association; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Mid-South Football Officials Association are also members of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association in Hermitage and are required to pass a rules exam for qualification to work post-season playoff assignments; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of their unwavering dedication to officiating football games both fairly and correctly, Jim Brown, Mark Harbert, Chris Jamison, Lark Jones, Robert Shearin, and Ron Webb were selected by the TSSAA to officiate the Blue Cross Bowl TSSAA Class 5A State Football Championship Game, which was played at Floyd Stadium on the campus of Middle Tennessee State University on December 4, 2004; and

WHEREAS, being selected to officiate a state championship game is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a high school football official; and

WHEREAS, on their journey to the Class 5A State Championship Game, these excellent officials also worked a Class 2A first round playoff game on November 5, 2004 and a Class 1A quarterfinal game on November 19, 2004; and

WHEREAS, a consultant and correspondent for Rivals.com, Jim Brown has been officiating for thirty-one years; and

WHEREAS, a staff professional at FedEx, Mark Harbert has been officiating for twenty years; and

WHEREAS, owner of a lawn maintenance and landscaping business, Chris Jamison has been officiating for nine years; and

WHEREAS, a veteran of the Gulf War and employee of Daimler Chrysler Corporation, Lark Jones has been officiating for seven years; and

WHEREAS, an employee for JNJ Express, Inc., Robert Shearin has been officiating for nine years; and

WHEREAS, owner of a lawn maintenance and landscaping business, Ron Webb has been officiating for twenty-five years; and

WHEREAS, the 2004 Class 5A Blue Cross Bowl marked the first state championship game that Jim Brown, Mark Harbert, Chris Jamison, Lark Jones, and Robert Shearin had officiated, and it was the second state championship game Ron Webb had officiated; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly commend the dedication to high school athletics these outstanding men have evinced; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend the members of the Mid-South Football Officials Association in Memphis and wish them every success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.